

# MISUSE OF PROPANE FORKLIFT CYLINDERS

## PROPANE SAFETY BULLETIN

It is not safe to use a forklift-type propane cylinder to fuel appliances like outdoor cookers, heaters, shrink-wrap guns or fireplace logs. These appliances are designed to use propane vapor. Forklift cylinders supply propane liquid. Exposure to liquid will cause injury and will subject the appliance system to excessive pressure and the possibility of leaks and fire or explosion.

Propane cylinders are designed for specific uses and are not interchangeable. If a cylinder does not connect readily to an appliance or equipment, do not try to connect it. Contact your propane supplier.

### Vapor Service

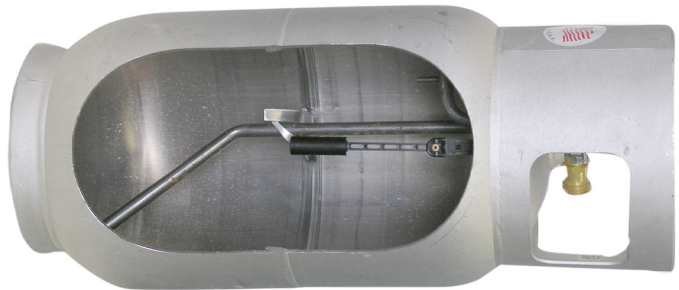
Figure 1 shows the proper type of cylinder for appliances. This type of cylinder supplies propane vapor for cookers, portable heaters, gas logs and camping equipment.



**Figure 1 Appliance Cylinder**  
VAPOR SERVICE

### Liquid Service

Figure 2 shows a forklift cylinder. This type of cylinder supplies propane liquid for forklifts and other types of specialized equipment powered by internal-combustion engines.



**Figure 2 Forklift Cylinder**  
LIQUID SERVICE

To ensure that your propane system operates safely, be sure to read and comply with all warnings, recommendations and instructions posted on the cylinder and/or the manufacturer's instructions and recommendations.

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